

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A fixing device employing an induction heating coil system, comprising:

a heating roller having an induction heating coil disposed therein[.];

a pressing roller for pressing said heating roller[.]; and

a covering member having a heat accumulating member, capable of holding heat, effectively secured thereto, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said covering ~~member are~~ member is disposed so as to surround said heating roller starting on both ends of said heating roller and both ends of the maximum paper width an end of an effective heat generating area of said heating roller.

2. (Currently Amended) The fixing device according to Claim 1, wherein the circumferences except the inner circumferential surface of said heat accumulating member are covered by said covering ~~members~~ member made of a heat insulating material.

3. (Previously Presented) The fixing device according to Claim 1, wherein said covering member is a circular pipe-like body having an opening.

4. (Currently Amended) A fixing device employing an induction heating coil system, comprising:

a heating roller having an induction heating coil disposed therein[.];

a pressing roller for pressing said heating roller[.]; and

a covering member having a heat generating member secured thereto, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said covering ~~member are~~ member is disposed so as to surround said heating roller starting on both ends of said heating roller and both ends of the maximum paper width an end of an effective heat generating area of said heating roller.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The fixing device according to Claim 4, wherein the circumferences except the inner circumferential surface of said heat generating member are covered by said covering ~~members~~ member made of a heat insulating material.

6. **(Previously Presented)** The fixing device according to Claim 4, wherein said covering member is a circular pipe-like body having an opening.

7. **(Previously Presented)** The fixing device according to Claim 2, wherein said covering member is a circular pipe-like body having an opening.

8. **(Previously Presented)** The fixing device according to Claim 5, wherein said covering member is a circular pipe-like body having an opening.